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TAGS: ELAB, SHUM, PINT, CI

SUBJECT: NOTES ON CHILEAN LABOR SCENE

REF: SANTIAGO 10147

1. GOC ENDS BANISHMENT OF SIX LABOR LEADERS: A DIEGO PORTALES SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 20 THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO END THE BANISHMENT OF SIX LABOR LEADERS (REF).

2. "DINAMICOS" UNMOLESTED UPON RETURN FROM AFL-CIO CONVENTION: EDUARDO RIOS, ERNESTO VOGEL AND TUCAPEL JIMENEZ HAD NO TROUBLE GETTING BACK INTO CHILE ON THEIR RETURN FROM THE AFL-CIO CONVENTION IN LOS ANGELES. NONGSHOREMAN RIOS BROUGHT WORD THAT US LONGSHOREMAN LEADER TEDDY GLEASON PLANNED TO VISIT CHILE IN JANUARY. GLEASON HAS WRITTEN THE GOC INFORMING THEM OF HIS VISIT WHICH, HE SAYS, RESULTS FROM AN INVITATION FROM "THE PRESIDENT OF COMACH, EDUARDO RIOS." GLEASON IS ALSO SAID TO HAVE TOLD THE GOC THAT HIS ANTI-COMMUNISM SHOULD NOT BE EQUATED WITH UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR ANTI-MARXIST DICTATORS, ADDING THAT HE DISAGREED WITH MANY ELEMENTS OF

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THE GOC'S LABOR POLICIES. GLEASON SPECIFICALLY OBJECTED TO THE BANISHMENT OF THE SIX LABOR LEADERS -- SEE ITEM 1. (COMMENT: A MAJOR PURPOSE OF THE LETTER WAS TO WARN THE GOC THAT GLEASON CONSIDERS RIOS THE TRUE LEADER OF COMACH -- THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECOGNIZED ONE OF ITS LABOR FRIENDS AS COMACH'S PRESIDENT. THE VICE-MINISTER OF LABOR HAS TOLD US HE HOPES GLEASON WILL MEET WITH THE

MINISTER. RIOS BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT GLEASON SHOULD MEET WITH OFFICIALS CLOSER TO THE SEAT OF POWER THANMMINISTER FERNANDEZ -- A MAN WHO HAS REFUSED TO SEE THE "DINAMICOS.")

3. GOC OUSTS ANOTHER "DINAMICO": SANTIAGO INDENDENTE GENERAL GARAY HAS ISSUED A DECREE REMOVING STATE BANK UNION PRESIDENT ANDRES DEL CAMPO AND HIS VICE PRESIDENT FROM THEIR UNION POSITIONS, BUT THEY RETAIN THEIR JOBS, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. THE DECREE FALSELY CLAIMS THAT DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN DEL CAMPO AND HIS VEEP HAVE DISRUPTED THE UNION, WHICH ACCORDING TO DECREE LAW 349, IS GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL. (COMMENT: THE GOC HAS BEEN AFTER THE ADROIT DEL CAMPO FOR SOME TIME. THIS KIND OF OVERT ACTION BY THE GOC SHOWS THAT HE HAD BEATEN BACK THEIR MORE SUBTLE PLOYS. THE STATE BANK UNION HAD REMAINED LOYAL TO ITS CLAT (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT) AFFILIATIONS, LEAVING DEL CAMPO IN A DIFFICULT POSITION WITH REGARD TO AFL-CIO SUPPORT FOR HIS CAUSE.)

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